



Docket No.: 050395-0243

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Masaaki HIRANO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3238  
Application No.: 10/750,864 : Group Art Unit: 1731  
Filed: January 05, 2004 : Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER  
PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including figures explaining a difference between the claimed subject matter and the cited prior art is attached.